

NEVADA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY – OFFICE OF TRAFFIC SAFETY

GRANT OVERVIEW

The Nevada Department of Public Safety – Office of Traffic Safety (DPS-OTS) awards federal funds to state, local, and non-profit organizations desiring to partner in solving Nevada traffic safety problems. Funds awarded are strictly for use in reducing deaths and serious injuries caused by motor vehicle crashes, through the implementation of programs that address driver behavior.

ELIGIBILITY: State, county, city, other municipal public agencies and non-profit organizations are eligible to submit applications. Non-profit organizations must submit a copy of their 501(c) status with their grant application.

PROGRAM AREAS: Applications must address at least one of the following program areas:

Priority Program Areas:	Other Program Areas:
Impaired Driving	Traffic Records (crash data)
Occupant Protection (Seat Belts/Car Seats)	Police Traffic Services (overtime & equipment)
Speed Management	Emergency Medical Systems
Community Programs	
Pedestrian Safety	
Motorcycle Safety	

SEQUENCE OF EVENTS:

April 1 st	Applications due
July	Notification letters sent to Applicant Agencies
August – September	Develop and finalize <u>Project Agreements</u>
October 1 st	Awarded agencies receive <u>Authorization To Proceed</u> (provided federal funding is received by DPS-OTS)

RULES AND REQUIREMENTS

Audit Requirements: Agencies and organizations selected to receive funds are subject to federal single line audit requirements **if they receive more than \$500K in federal funds within the year,*** and must submit an audited, financial status report to DPS-OTS. Selected projects will be subject to on-site monitoring by DPS-OTS.

*If, however, **an agency receives less than \$500K in federal funds within the year**, they must instead submit a copy of their most recent financial statement to DPS-OTS. In either case, non-profit agencies are required to provide a copy of their non-profit tax status (501(c), etc.) to DPS-OTS.

Certification: Selected organizations must comply with all federal rules and regulations. Copies of these requirements will be provided on notification of award or can be obtained by contacting DPS-OTS at (775) 684-7472.

Due Date: Applications must be received by DPS-OTS no later than **11:59 p.m. PST April 1.**

Duration: Grants awarded by DPS-OTS run from October 1 to September 30, unless otherwise stated on the Authorization to Proceed. In certain circumstances (i.e. Congressional Continuing Resolution), funding for selected projects may be awarded after October 1.

Law Enforcement Agencies: Law enforcement agencies are encouraged to: 1) Comply with vehicle

pursuit policies established by the IACP; 2) Participate in the Nevada Traffic Records Coordinating Committee; 3) Participate in the Nevada 'Joining Forces' enforcement program.

Matching Funds: Grants awarded by DPS-OTS generally require a grantee to contribute up to 25% of the project cost in matching funds. Matching funds can be in the form of actual agency expenses for tangible items related to the project (hard match), or in the 'in-kind' form, or soft match use of existing resources to support the proposed project: vehicle wear and tear, office supplies, salaries, printing, fuel and other overhead expenses are examples of matching funds.

Reimbursement: Agencies must pay 100% of the project costs up front or as accrued. Reimbursement claims may be submitted monthly or quarterly to the Office of Traffic Safety in the amount of the approved federal share. Quarterly and annual grant project reports must be current to process a reimbursement claim. Claims are reimbursed within 60 days of receipt.

Restrictions: Funds cannot be used for construction, maintenance, office furnishings, salaries, any type of budget **supplanting**, highway signs, food or beverage products, entertainment costs, or alcoholic beverages. Awarded projects are typically considered "seed money" and agencies are expected to assume the full cost of programs and provide plans for program continuation at the conclusion of grant funding.